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AGENDA
Maynard School Committee
Thursday, April 6, 2023, 7:00 pm
Hybrid Meeting (in-person and remote access)
Fowler School Library and via Zoom

(The School Committee may vote on all items listed on this agenda)

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 signed into law by Governor Healey on March 29, 2023, extending several pandemic-related relief provisions suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A sec. 20 until March 31, 2025. All members of the public are invited to join the meeting virtually or in person, either by computer (internet) or phone as noted below, or at the Fowler School Library. If joining virtually, video and audio will be turned off for public participants unless otherwise stipulated by the Chair.

Computer Option: Join Zoom Meeting (video) <https://zoom.us/j/91572875882> Password: maynard

Choose to use Computer Audio, or join by phone at the number below:

Phone Option: 1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 915 7287 5882

Password: 448260

View further instructions here: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting>

Meeting materials will be found on the website under School Committee - Agenda or <https://bit.ly/MPS-SC22-23>

MGL 30A, Sec.20:(f) After notifying the chair of the public body, any person may make a video or audio recording of an open session of a meeting of a public body or may transmit the meeting through any medium, subject to reasonable requirements of the chair as to the number, placement, and operation of equipment used so as not to interfere with the conduct of the meeting. At the beginning of the meeting, the chair shall inform other attendees of any recordings.

Allotted times within the agenda are intended to account for presentations and discussions

- I. Meeting Called to Order via Roll Call
 - II. **7:05pm** – Public Hearing on the proposed FY24 Budget, in accordance with MGL Ch 71, § 38N (25 min; P/D)
 - III. Public Comments for FY24 School Budget Hearing (25 min) – see attached participate instructions
 - IV. Adjournment of Budget Hearing by Roll Call
- SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING resumes approximately at 7:55**
- V. Public Comments for Regular Business (15 min)
 - VI. Urgent Business
 - VII. Student Representative Report (10 min; IO)
 - VIII. Superintendent's Report (10 min; IO)
 - A. General Update
 - B. Student Opportunity Act
 - IX. MHS Germany exchange program approval (15 min; IO/D/VR)
 - X. School Choice Enrollment (10 min; IO/VR)
 - XI. FY24 Budget Article Discussion (15 min; IO/D)
 - XII. Chair's Report (5 min; IO/D)
 - XIII. Subcommittee Reports & Members' Comments (12 min; IO)
 - A. Elizabeth Albota
 - B. Maro Hogan
 - C. Mary Brannelly
 - D. Hilary Griffiths
 - XIV. Consent Agenda (5 min; VR)
 - A. Approval of Minutes
 - B. Acceptance of Warrant(s)
 - XV. Adjourn Meeting

***IO [Info Only], P [Presentation], D [Discussion], PV [Possible Vote], VR [Vote Required]**

Chairperson: Natasha Rivera
Posted by: Colleen Andrade
Date: 4/3/23

Maynard School Committee Public Hearing Public Comment Guidelines

According to MGL Ch 71, Sec. 38N, The Maynard School Committee shall hold a public hearing on its proposed annual budget. A copy of the proposed FY23 budget can be found on the School Website at <https://bit.ly/maynard-budget>, by emailing candrade@maynard.k12.ma.us, or calling 978-897-2222 to obtain a copy. During this public hearing, all interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard for or against the whole or any part of the proposed budget. Such hearing shall be conducted by a quorum of the school committee. For the purposes of this section a quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of said school committee. Please see the below guidelines for the comment period.

Here are the general rules for the Committee's public comment period:

The Public Comments agenda item is a devoted time for the School Committee to hear from the public. As such, its structure primarily supports a unidirectional recording of public comments, rather than a bidirectional conversation. Here are the general rules for any form of Public Comment period:

1. Public Comment during the **public hearing** shall be for a period of 30 Minutes (7:35 pm to 8:05 pm) and shall immediately follow the budget discussion. All comments will be directed to the Chair. **Comments during the hearing should pertain to the budget.**
2. Any person may speak during the public comment portion of the **regular School Committee Business meeting** may do so.
3. Any person wishing to speak and make a comment during a meeting may do so by:
 - a. If Virtually- Sign up to speak publicly in advance and up until the Public Comment agenda item at <https://bit.ly/mps-public-comment>. Please have your zoom name match so we may be able to unmute you to speak.
 - b. If in person- Sign up in advance and up until the Public Comment agenda item. Once recognized by the Chair, state your first name, last name, and town.
 - c. All public comments are limited to 3 minutes, to ensure that everyone who wishes to comment has the opportunity to be heard.
 - d. No person may comment more than once without permission of the Chair. As time allows, the Chair could consider allowing a person to comment a second time, especially if it is related to a topic that has not yet been brought up.
4. Email comments in advance and up until the Public Comments agenda item to comments4SCmeeting@maynard.k12.ma.us.
 - a. **You must state in the subject line "Public Comment"** and include your first and last name and town to ensure your comment can be read.
 - b. Comments read by the Chair will only be read for 3 minutes. If the submitted comments are longer, they will be cut off at the 3-minute mark.
 - c. To ensure all comments are able to be read in their entirety, it is suggested that you keep them to approximately 350 words. However, submitted comments longer than 350 words will be included in the public record in their entirety.
5. **Note**- Anyone can submit comment(s) for the public record after the Public Comments agenda has passed by providing an email copy to comments4SCmeeting@maynard.k12.ma.us up until the end of the meeting, specifically stating their desire to have these additional comments included.